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The following is a translated copy of instructions given to the election board of the county of Wittenberg on 16 May, the second day of the elections.

TRANSLATION

CIRCULAR

Wittenberg, 16 May 1949

To: The City and Parish administrators of the county of Wittenberg

: VERY URGENT ELECTION INFORMATION

- 1: Ballots that are cast into the voting urn without any marks or designation are to be counted as YES votes inasmuch as the voter by casting such a ballot without a mark clearly indicated that the large printed YES on the ballot was sufficient indication of the manner in which he desired his vote cast.
- 2: Ballots that are marked outside of the designated circles will be counted as YES ballots because it is an indication that the voter approved the approved list of candidates and that he desired to vote YES. If he desired to vote NO he would undoubtedly have made the mark within the NO circle.
- 3: The voter should be considered as having voted YES if he marked his ballot up in any way without emphatically marking or especially marking the NO circle.
- 4: Ballots that contained any sort of handwritten remarks such as "For the Homeland", "For Unity", "For Just Peace", "For Freedom", and so forth, that indicated that the man's basic thoughts are for unity and freedom or that the voter at least is not against freedom and unity, are to be counted as YES votes.

On the basis of this circular the results of the Sunday voting are to be reviewed and retabulated and errors corrected. The results after the corrections are to be tabulated with today's voting results. The local voting committees will immediately take note of this circular.

Signed (I. A. Heinemann)

END OF TRANSLATION

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